Home Agent's Notes

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Pounds To Purchase

How to know how big a bird to buy is a question often asked by homemakers. Here's a chart prepared by the U. S. Department of Africulture to use as a guide:

Amount of Ready-to-Cook Weight to Buy Per Serving

Chicken: Broiling— 1-4 to 1-2 bird; Frying or Roasting — 3-4 to 1 pound.

Srewing: 1-4 to 1 pound (depending on whether the meat is to be combined with other foods or served alone).

Turkey: 1-2 to 1 pound.

Duck or goose: 3-4 to 1 pound.

Beverages for Holiday Entertaining

Everyone has a special recipe for the holiday season and the following are ones I have secured from some excellent cooks for Christmas beverages, and which I would like to share with you.

Hot Spiced Tea
(Serves 25)

Put the following in a clean cloth bag, fasten securely with a string and place in 2 quarts of cold water on the stove:

1 teaspoon cloves
1 inch of stick cinnamon

Bring to boiling point.
Remove from heat. Place another clean cloth bag containing 2 1-2 teaspoons tea, in the water for 5 minutes.

Remove both bags, now, and stir in 1 cup of sugar, juice of 1 1-2 lemons, and juice of 3 oranges.

Serve steaming hot.

Cranberry Punch

3-4 cup brown sugar
1 cup water
3-4 teaspoon cloves
1-2 teaspoon cinnamon
1-2 teaspoon allspice
1-4 teaspoon nutmeg
1-4 teaspoon salt
4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
3 cups water
2 1-pound cans jellied cranberry sauce
Red food coloring if desired
Lemon slices

Combine brown sugar, 1 cup water, spices, salt. Bring to boiling. Add pineapple juice, 3 cups water. Crush cranberry sauce with a fork; add. Heat to boiling; simmer 5 minutes. Color with red food coloring. Pour into heated punch bowl. Float lemon slices, serve with cinnamon stirrers. Makes 2 1-2 quarts.

Fudge

With just a little changing around of ingredients, you can come up with a variety of delicious fudges. Since a pan of fudge must surely be in your Christmas candy making plans, here are the suggested changes to make in basic recipes.

To make peanut butter fudge, use your regular chocolate fudge recipe. Omit the chocolate; cook as usual and add 2 tablespoons peanut butter for each cup of sugar in the recipe after the fudge is cooked. Leaving the chocolate out cuts down somewhat on the richness of the fudge, so it is suggested that you use evaporated milk or coffee cream.

NEW NAIL ANCHORS FOUNDATION TO BUILDING

A newly developed nail will cut the cost of anchoring farm buildings to their foundations, reports Dr. E. George Stern, research professor of wood construction at VPI.

He described the nail, which was developed in his laboratories, at a recent meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago. It is a fluted, hardened high-carbened steel nail which can be used to fasten framing to the masonry foundation. The nail is designed to replace the conventional one-half inch steel bolt which has long been used for this purpose. The new masonry nails can be hand- or machine-hammered into concrete without pre-drilling.

2 MONTHS EARLY

Rochester, N. Y.. Tree - movers, complete with police escort, and a 60-foot oak tree, received a big surprise when the tree was delivered from Cato, N. Y., 75-miles away, to the site of the new War Memorial building grounds. There J. D. Butts, owner of the Butts Tree Movers, of Cato, was told that the tree had been ordered delivered, not in December, but in February. Police escorted the tractor-trailer and its lonely oak back to the city line.

NEW BOOKS AT THE COUNTY LIBRARY

Stories to Remember, selected by Thomas B. Costain and John Beecroft.

A two volume treasury of good reading made up of thirty-three stories and six complete novels, which are The General's Ring, Portrait of Jennie, Bridge of San Louis Rey,National Velvet,Voice of Eagle Ann, and Sea of Grass. The stories, ranging in length from near novelettes to short stories, have distinctive variety. There are fine examples of the best works of such masters of short story writing as Hans Christian Anderson, O. Henry, Charles Dickens, W. Somerset Maugham, Daphne du Maurier, and many others. Mr. Costain and Beecroft selected these particular stories because they remembered them so well and had enjoyed them so much and found that their liking had not diminished with the passing of time.

How To Build Walls, Walks, Patio Floors. This is one in a series of the Sunset Books designed to help you to unravel some of the practical problems that confront you when you take a hammer, shovel, and plumb bob in hand and tackle a construction project for your home or garden. With only a few exceptions, the projects described in this book can involve you in a substantial investment of time or money, or both. For this reason we have described the advantages and disadvantages of each type of material to assist you in making a wise and suitable choice. In general, most of the materials and projects can be handled by an amateur.

Attend the A. H. S. - Alumni basketball game Friday night at the high school gymnasium. The game is sponsored by the local Lions Club.

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Christmas Message

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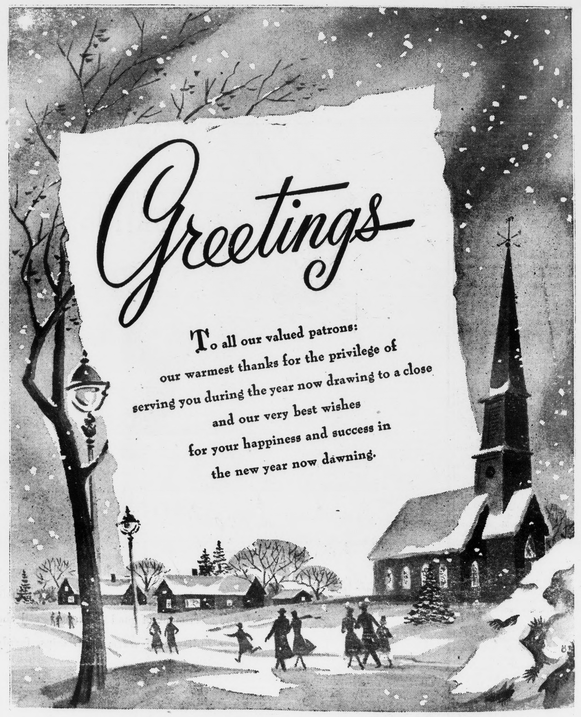
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and our very best wishes
for your happiness and success in
the new year now dawning.

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Beaver Population On Increase In Virginia

The beaver played a colorful and important part in the early history of Virginia and the nation, for he was perhaps the most important furnisher of that time. Unfortunately, with this great demand for his fur, the beaver was relentlessly overtrapped and had become extinct in Virginia as early as 1911. Trappers generally regretted it. Some people were glad enough to see them go, however, for the beaver's remarkable aptitude in engineering dams occasionally resulted in crop damage and flooded areas.

In 1932, in an effort to establish the beaver in Virginia again, the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries inaugurated a modest restocking program which remained in effect for twelve years but saw little population increase. Then in 1943, a more accelerated program began and eighty-eight of the animals were purchased from other states for release in suitable habitat areas. Today, because of this, conservative estimates place some 284 beaver colonies in forty-six of our counties, a total population of 1600 to 1800.

To offset damage reports brought to their attention by landowners, the Commission saw fit to permit the trapping of beaver again in 1953. This is still in effect to date, but on a very limited basis as the danger of over-trapping remains. Upon request of landowners, game technicians first examine an area to determine how many beaver may be safely trapped there, and a special permit specifying that number is issued. In other instances of crop damage or flood conditions, game biologists carry out the Commission's live-trapping program, removing the beaver to areas capable of supporting them and where they can exist aside from conflict with man's interests.

Beaver dams have been found relatively useful in maintaining certain water levels, which in turn furnish ponds for native game fish and breeding grounds for waterfowl. In addition, some ponds built by beaver colonies became the homes of muskrat, otter, raccoon and ducks.

So despite his questionable virtues, the beaver is once more with us in Virginia.

CERTAIN BY-PRODUCTS SEEM VALUABLE AS ADDITIVE TO RATIONS

Certain by-products (now commonly wasted) of the cottonseed and soybean oil processing industries seem to have some value as additives to rations for fattening beef cattle, report scientists at the Front Royal beef cattle research station.

The scientists conducted a series of three feeding trials with 82 steers to determine the value in fattening rations of crude phospholipid by-products of cottonseed and soybean processing.

In all trials the calves receiving the by-product materials gained faster than those which did not. Increased gains ranged from 1.7 per cent to 17.7 per cent in the various trials, when the animals were fed rations with the additive. The average increase from using the additive was 5.5 per cent.

There were no apparent harmful effects on the animals.

To all my friends in my Senatorial District,
I extend my best wishes for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Chas. T. Moses

Appomattox, Virginia

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